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REGION II  
EDISON, NEW JERSEY 08817

REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 2-SA-ER

DATE: June 20, 1974

SUBJECT: Chemical Spill, Ventron Corporation, Woodridge, New Jersey

TO:

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On June 20, 1974, I inspected the Rovic Construction site to determine whether the operation was being conducted as required by the State and EPA. Karl Birns, State of New Jersey, Mr. John Andrews of Rovic Construction, and Mr. Anthony Lotiot of Ottolio Demolition were also on scene. There was no demolition being conducted on the site. It appears that no debris has been removed from the site since our June 11 visit. Water discharging through the drain system and into the small wet well is being diverted from the wet well to the empty fuel tanks located on the property.

After a tour of the site, Mr. Birns and myself advised Rovic Construction and Ottolio Demolition of the following:

1. The present method of utilizing drains and diverting runoff from the wet well to the empty storage tanks is acceptable providing sufficient pumping is available to avert overflows. In addition, the outlet pipe should be sealed.
2. Before any new demolition is initiated, a disposal method for the liquids and solids collected thus far and in future operations in the storage tanks should be developed and approved by New Jersey EPA and Federal EPA. Rovic was urged to get such a plan by next Monday.
3. Before demolition can be initiated and throughout the site, materials in drums should be: (a) analyzed to determine contents; or (b) disposed of in the same method as 2 above.
4. ~~Get~~ Operations to remove rubble thus far collected could be initiated providing that the operation is conducted in such a manner as to not cause the removal of surface soil or muds.
5. After demolition and cleanup are completed, a grid system should be developed for soil sample collection. Analyses of these samples for mercury will be made to determine whether additional work is required.

Upon return to the laboratory, I related the results of this meeting to Henry Gluckstern, Office of General Counsel. Henry asked that we attempt to get more sample data above and below the outfall to determine if there is any change in mercury content now that there is no discharge from the facility. Henry seems to feel that Rovic Construction violated FWPCA Act by not submitting a request for a permit.

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